

## John Coffee to Andrew Jackson, October 4, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN COFFEE TO JACKSON.

Huntsville October 4, 1813

*Genl Jackson* , . . . . I am Jerking Beef and the contractors are doing all they can to procure bread, which is very difficult to do, flour is not to be had and old corn so scarce that I believe my Regt. will take all they can procure. I have advised the contractors to go immediately to kill drying new corn, for your troops, perhaps it would be well for you to advise them on that subject, and stimulate them to be in a state of forwarding for I find the movements of an army intirely depends on the exertion of the contractors—they will do all they can no doubt. Messrs. Reeds and Mitchell have got the contract for your supplies.

I cannot give yet the strength of my Regt. as Col Hays has not cornpleted the musters, but he has advanced so far as to give a tolerably correct idea. I suppose it will be 1200, including officers<sup>1</sup> the Col will finish his muster rolls today, and will then start on to Fayetteville, to meet the troops at that place. by him, I will give the precise strength of my Regt. I have been able to procure about 80 muskets here, which will complete the arms wanting for my Regt. . . . .

<sup>1</sup> Later in the day Coffee sent a second note saying the total number mustered in was 1277 and that men were “flocking in every hour”.